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Re: OSS DRAFT review

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There are already laws in place to do what they want to do, the problem is they are not enforcing existing laws. (Plumbing Code for Washington State).

Prior to installing a plumbing system, a permit must be obtained from the local jurisdiction. Plans require fees, must provide diagrams, and must be submitted for permit approval. Plumbing plans must be designed by a licensed Architect Engineer certified by the State, and they must be reviewed by the local jurisdiction before the septic is installed and inspected after installation. The code states that ANY alterations or repairs to the plumbing system must conform to plumbing code and the repairs shall not cause the existing system to become unsafe, unsanitary or overloaded. Most importantly: A Plumbing system shall be maintained in conformance with the code under which it was installed; the OWNER or the OWNERS DESIGNATED AGENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE for maintenance of the plumbing system. The local jurisdiction carries out the functions of this code and when necessary makes an inspection to enforce the code for violations that make the premises unsafe, unsanitary, dangerous and hazardous – so the local jurisdiction ALREADY has the AUTHORITY To enter your premises or building to inspect. The fees and inspections they are proposing are unnecessary and redundant - and if local cities and counties were performing their job – there would be no problem.